

SITUATION REPORT NO. 7
INCIDENT NO. 96-01
DATE: April 2, 1996 TIME: 4:00 p.m.

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Spring Flood.
2. DEATH AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGE: The level of Devils Lake on April 2, 1996, was 1435.33 feet M.S.L.

One home of a six-home sewage utility area has experienced sewage problems according to Ramsey County Rural Utilities. If this problem is not remedied, sewage service to all six homes could be affected.

City of Devils Lake officials reported the city is experiencing an above average number of calls from homeowners on hydrostatic pressure home foundation damage.

4. RESOURCES COMMITTED:

LOCAL: No change from previous reports.

STATE: No change from previous reports.

FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS:

6. MAJOR ACTIONS: A State Flood Coordination Center meeting was held in Devils Lake, March 28, 1996.

The ND Department of Transportation has transported approximately 400 of 600 concrete barriers to Devils Lake. Concrete barriers and rip-rap will be used to protect ND Highways 20 and 57 this summer from wave action.

Bids are being let for rip-rap placement along ND Highways 20 and 57 and the replacement of the Mauvais Coulee Bridge the week of April 1, 1996.

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers has completed the draft City of Devils Lake protection plan. The plan is being reviewed by the city and will be completed by May 1, 1996.

The National Weather Service issued an updated numerical spring flood outlook on March 29, 1996 incorporating March precipitation. There was no change from past reports on Devils Lake levels. Devils Lake March precipitation varied from .60 to 1.20 inches with normal March precipitation of .86 inches.

Governor Schafer has made services administered through the Lake Region Human Service Center in Devils Lake

available at a reduced fee for individuals who are unable to pay normal counseling fees because of financial burdens caused by flooding.

The bid opening for the Devils Lake/Stump Lake emergency pumping project was held on March 22, 1996. If the project proceeds, the contract is projected to be awarded on April 11, 1996. The projected completion date for the project has been delayed from June 1 to July 1, 1996 because of weather and soil conditions and project opposition from Nelson County landowners.

Governor Schafer has extended the Upper Basin Storage Program sign-up deadline to April 15, 1996.

The North Central Planning Council is developing a plan proposing the use of Community Development Block Grant dollars to build temporary dikes on private property which would prevent home flooding at Devils Lake. One hundred homes in Benson and Ramsey Counties could be affected.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED: None at this time.

8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: The next State Flood Coordination Center meeting will be held Wednesday, April 10, 1996 at 1:30 p.m. at the Ramsey County Courthouse basement meeting room. State Flood Coordination Center Meetings are scheduled every two weeks.

Signed _____
Douglas C. Friez, State Director